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Division Briefing

25X1 1. [] Security, called and asked if
25X1 Senator Stuart Symington had ever been briefed on CHALICE. The question
25X1 had been put to [] by the Department of Defense whose records did
not indicate that Symington had been formally briefed. I advised []
that on a trip to Europe in 1959, Symington visited one of the bases and
raised several indirect questions which concerned the project. While
Symington's questions were not answered directly, and he was not briefed
on the project, it is the consensus of opinion that he has acquired informa-
tion on this area of activity from various sources over a period of time.

25X1 2. [] House Armed Services Committee
called to say that Chairman Vinson has had a change of plans which will
make it impossible for him to meet with the Agency for a briefing of the
CIA Subcommittee on Monday, 22 July. The Chairman expressed his
regret and indicated a briefing would be rescheduled as soon as possible
perhaps on 29 July. This information was passed on to the Director and
the staff was advised that Mr. McCone will be out of the city on the last of
25X1 August for a period of time. The Subcommittee will contact us again to
establish a date for the hearing.

25X1 3. [] Mr. Echols, []
25X1 and [] met with Mr. John Blandford, Counsel, House Committee
on Armed Services, and provided a statement for the Chairman's use in
opening the hearings on H.R. 7216. Various items relating to the bill
were reviewed and discussed. It was concluded that it would be well if the
25X1 Committee members were provided with copies of various items such as
the Foreign Service Act that could be immediately available at their desks
for use during the hearings.

25X1 4. [] Mr. Houston and [] met with
Representative Charles E. Bennett (D., Fla.) and discussed provisions of
H.R. 7216. Mr. Bennett is rather interested in this bill and can be expected
to be helpful in his comments and suggestions during the hearing.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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downgrading and
declassification